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The Honorable Barack Obama  
President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

February 9, 2009

Dear President Obama:

I am writing to urge you to support Governor Howard Dean to become our next Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Governor Dean's background as a physician and governor makes him eminently qualified for this extremely important position. Governor Dean understands, as you do, that all Americans are entitled to health care as a right of citizenship, and that we must pay far more attention to the needs of our children if we are to have a healthy and prosperous society. As a result of Governor Dean's leadership Vermont has developed one of the strongest health insurance programs for children in the country, the Dr. Dynasaur program, and has also been in the vanguard in a number of other health related areas.

As you well know, reforming our health care system will not be easy. It will take somebody with determination and focus to lead that effort. I think that Howard Dean is that person.

Sincerely,



BERNARD SANDERS  
United States Senator